

Introductory Comments

This Response and Amendment is responsive to an Office Action having a mailing date of January 6, 2003, which Action was made Final. Claims 27-30, 32-33, 38-40, 42, 43, 45, 50-66 and 68-70 are pending. Claims 27, 28, 42, 45, and 68 are amended herein, as shown on the following pages. There are no proposed amendments to the specification in this Response.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the claims in a telephone interview on March 18, 2003. As discussed during the interview, applicants have amended the claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim what they regard as their invention. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments made herein do not change the scope of the claims, but merely make them clearer to one of ordinary skill in the art. Also as discussed in the interview, applicants are submitting herewith evidence that they were in possession of that aspect of the invention allegedly taught by certain references before the publication thereof.

Applicants also note that an English translation of Pfreundschuh et al. (*Onkologie* 12: supp. 1, 30-33, 1989) is not being supplied because upon review that publication is believed to be substantially duplicative of other publications of record in the present application, such as Carde et al., *Eur. J. Cancer* 26(4):474-489, 1990.